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SUBJ: CENTRAL COMMITTEE SESSION HELD IN PEKING FEBRUARY 18-23

1. SUMMARY. SECOND PLENUM OF THE 11TH CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE
MET IN PEKING FROM FEBRUARY 18-23. ACCORDING TO A BRIEF
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE SESSION ON FEBRUARY 23, CHAIRMAN
HUA KUO-FENG PRESIDED AND DELIVERED AN "IMPORTANT SPEECH."
THE SESSION WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE FOUR PARTY VICE CHAIRMEN,
POLITBURO MEMBERS, CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES.
IT DISCUSSED AN "UNANIMOUSLY" APPROVED DOCUMENTS AND PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENTS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE 5TH NATIONAL PEOPLE'S
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CONGRESS. THE COMMUNIQUE WAS NOTABLE PRIMARILY FOR THE
ABSENCE OF ANY REFERENCE TO MAO TSE-TUNG. PEKING RADIO
WILL BE BROADCASTING OTHER COMMUNIQUE THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY 24.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE SECOND PLENUM OF THE 11TH CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL
COMMITTEE MET IN PEKING FROM FEBRUARY 18-23. ACCORDING TO A BRIEF

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE SESSION AND BROADCAST OVER PEKING RADIO BEGINNING 2100 FEBRUARY 23, CHAIRMAN HUAK KUO FENG PRESIDED AND DELIVERED AN "IMPORTANT SPEECH". (WE PRESUME THAT ADDRESSEES HAVE SEEN FBIS TEXT AND WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON COMMUNIQUE.)

3. AGENDA OF THE SECOND PLENUM CONCERNED PREPARATIONS FOR THE 5TH CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED TO OPEN FEBRUARY 24, AND THE 5TH NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, SCHEDULED TO OPEN FEBRUARY 26. THE SOLE NOVEL ELEMENTS IN THE COMMUNIQUE INDICATED THAT NEW WORDS TO THE NATIONAL ANTHEM HAD BEEN APPROVED AND THAT THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S PROCURATORATE HAD BEEN REVIEWED. OTHERWISE, THE PLENUM EXPECTEDLY DISCUSSED AND "UNANIMOUSLY" APPROVED:

- THE GOVERNMENT WORK REPORT (DRAFT) TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NPC;
- A DRAFT ECONOMIC PLAN COVERING 1976-85;
- THE REVISED STATE CONSTITUTION (DRAFT);
- THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE REVISED STATE CONSTITUTION;
- NOMINATION OF INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS PREMIER OF STATE COUNCIL, MINISTERS OF THE STATE COUNCIL, NPC STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S PROCURATORATE.

4. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, THE SECOND PLENUM WAS ATTENDED BY HUA, THE FOUR PARTY VICE CHAIRMEN, POLITBURO MEMBERS, AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES. NO NAME LIST HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN RELEASED.

5. JUDGING FROM THE COMMUNIQUE, CHAIRMAN HUA'S "IMPORTANT SPEECH" WAS AN ANODYNE AND PREDICTABLE -- ALBEIT UPBEAT -- MESSAGE. HUA HAILED THE VICTORY AGAINST THE GANG OF FOUR, PRAISED THE "UNITY AND STABILITY" IN THE COUNTRY, NOTED THAT EVERYONE IN CHINA WELCOMES THE FORTHCOMING CPPCC AND NPC SESSIONS, OBSERVED THAT EVEN "THE WHOLE WORLD" WOULD BE PAYING ATTENTION TO THE SESSIONS, AND CALLED FOR THE NPC TO BE A "CONGRESS OF UNITY AND VICTORY."

6. THE EIGHT MINUTE BROADCAST OF THE COMMUNIQUE WAS NOTABLE PRIMARILY FOR THE ABSENCE OF ANY REFERENCE TO MAO TSE-TUNG, HIS THOUGHT, HIS BANNER, OR HIS BEHESTS. ONE PRESUMES THAT HUA'S SPEECH DID CONTAIN SUCH OBLIGATORY REFERENCES, HOWEVER.

7. PEKING RADIO HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL BROADCAST OTHER COMMUNIQUE THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY 24. IT IS UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER THESE WILL RELATE TO THE PLENUM OR TO THE OPENING OF THE 5TH CPPCC.

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